through a combination of budgetary support, multilateral assistance, cess fund and private participation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of the total length of 13,252 km. under NHDP, a length of 1527 km. is completed, 3046 km. is on-going, and the remaining is to be taken up. Of this, two projects covering a length of 143 km. have already been taken up under BOT and another 616 km. is proposed to be taken up.

A ppointments and backlog position of SCs/STs in NHAI

2724. SHRi R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pkased to state:

(a) the details Of appointments made from 1st Januaiy, 2000 till date in the National Highways Authority of India from IRCC and outside according to posts-scales;

(b) the number of SCs/STs candidates who were taken/tested/ interviewed;

(c) how many candidates belonging to General and SCs/STs candidates were appointed; and

(d) the reasons for not filling up of SCs/STs quota'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below).

(b) Out of 312 SC/ST candidates tested/intei viewed, 48 SC/ST candidates were selected.

(c) 196 General and 15 SC/ST candidates have been appointed.

(d) Candidates for filling up SC quota have been selected. Appointment orders are being issued. ST quota could not be filled up due tp non-availability of suitable candidates.

Statement

Appointment and backlog position of SCs/STs in NHAI

SIN	Name of Post	Pay Scale (Rs.)	IRCC	Outside sources
1.	Member	18400-22400	—	1
2.	Chief General Manager	18400-22400	—	3
3.	General Manager	14300-18300	—	27
4.	Director (MR)	15000/-	—	1
5.	Dy. General Manager	12000-16500	—	26

SI. No	Name of Post	Pay Scale. (Rs.)	IRCC	Outside sources
6.	Manager	10000-15200	—	37
7.	Sr. Accounts Officer	8000-13,500	—	2
8.	Accounts Officer	7450-11500	2	12
9.	Assistance Manager	6500-10500	3	1
10.	Assistant Programmer	7450-11500	—	2
11.	Personnel Assistant	5500-9000	4	16
12.	Work Supervisor	5000-8000	—	1
13.	Accountant	6300/-	—	37
14.	Junior Hindi	4500-7000	1	—
15.	Steno Grade-D	4000-6000	2	34
16.	Record Keeper	4000-6000	1	—

Levy of Cess on Petrol and Diesel for Developmental Projects

2725. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose additional cess on petrol and diesel for development of road infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the road tax is not sufficient to finance road maintenance and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) At present no decision has been taken.

(c) Road tax collection in various States is being done by the States and is not being exclusively earmarked for development and maintenance of roads.

Financial assistance to states for sick units

2726. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for sick Small Scale Industries; and

(b) what effective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government does not provide any financial assistance to the States/UTs for rehabilitation of sick small scale industries (SSIs.> Financial assistance to SSIs including for the rehabilitation of sick SSIs, is provider' in die country by me Primary